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WE hope the Board of Trade will agree to the proposal which two Members of Parliament have been asked to put forward, and send representatives to Hongkong to investigate our glove-making factories. It would be a pleasure to receive such distinguished guests, and doubly satisfactory in that we should, without any question, be able to convince them (if that were needed) that, no parts of our gloves are made in Communist China.

But of course the Board of Trade will reject the MP's proposal for the simple reason Mr Peter Thorneycroft and his colleagues are already perfectly satisfied about the bona fides of Hongkong-manufactured gloves (and for that matter all other types of textiles, not to mention umbrellas).

It is because of this one discerns veiled impudence behind the move being made by the Worcester Glove Manufacturers Association. The inference is that the Board of Trade is allowing itself to be bamboozled, as to the rightful qualifications of Hongkong-manufactured gloves in relation to imperial preference. This is not only absurd, but because of the several times repeated statement by the Board of Trade that it is satisfied Hongkong products imported into Britain pass all imperial preference tests, the Worcester Glove Manufacturers Association inuendo is gratuitous.

It is easy to understand, and to some extent feel sympathy, when British manufacturers bewail the increasingly stiff competition Hongkong products are offering in the Home market, but the frequent veiled accusations that our industrialists are indulging in sharp practice, thereby falsely obtaining imperial preference privileges, become intolerable.

It is not Board of Trade officials who require to be convinced about the legitimacy of our products which qualify for imperial preference concessions, but organisations such as the Worcester Glove Manufacturers Association. And the best way of setting their minds at rest is for them to send to Hongkong their own investigators.

We promise no wool will be pulled over their eyes. They, in fact, would be just as welcome as Board of Trade representatives engaged on a similar mission, and would be free to investigate to their hearts' content.

Today's Elections

PREVIOUS Urban Council elections do not encourage the expectation that there will be a heavy poll today, yet it does behoove those who are qualified to vote, to do so.

The Urban Council may be a subordinate legislative and administrative body; nevertheless its functions and responsibilities affecting the community's welfare are being perceptibly broadened, and the work devolving on the councillors is becoming increasingly heavy. Thus, a person willing to offer himself for election to the Council, ipso facto is prepared to labour hard, and earnestly on behalf of the general public.

Therefore, in fairness to the three candidates who are contesting today's election, the voters should turn out in good numbers. The candidates deserve a vote of encouragement as well as a vote of confidence from the electorate.

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN SAIGON

Premier's Palace Shelled
By Rebel Warlord
POLICE IN MORTAR BATTLE
WITH BINH XUYEN TROOPS

Saigon, Mar. 29.

Tension between the Vietnam Government and rebellious warlords flared into fighting in Saigon tonight. Mortar and machinegun fire broke out between the Police and members of the Binh Xuyen, one of three private armies demanding the resignation of Ngo Dinh Diem, the Roman Catholic Premier.

Mortar shells fell on the headquarters of the Binh Xuyen, on the outskirts of Saigon, and on Police headquarters. The residence of the Premier was also fired on for twenty minutes.

Reports reaching Paris tonight said six people were killed or wounded in the Premier's residence.

Reports filtering through the rebel cordon said Premier Diem had transformed his palace into a fortress and that his troops were hitting back at dissident units.

Premier Diem himself was not in the European section, which was least affected. Many wounded were brought back from Cholon by military ambulances.

Several houses on the Boulevard Gallieni, which links Saigon with Cholon, were reported damaged. There was no accurate estimate of casualties. The fighting broke out a few hours after the weekend began to blockade Saigon, where 12,000 Government troops face 9,000 men of the three private armies equipped for combat.

Fighting also was reported from Tay Ninh, which is the command post for General Bay Vien, Commander-in-Chief of the Viet Cong. It was not yet known if it was the dissident forces or the Diem forces which started the fighting.

French Union troops had not intervened, this source said, though they are patrolling Saigon in force and the fighting has been localised near Cholon.

CIVILIANS KILLED

United Press added: One unconfirmed report said 100 people were killed or wounded in tonight's fighting. Many were civilians.

Members of the Binh Xuyen sect, wearing green berets, stormed the police station and army headquarters before midnight. The rebels began lobbing 80-millimetre mortar shells into the heavily-fortified police area.

The shelling lasted for 20 minutes before loyal forces launched a counter-attack, driving the rebels off.

Frenzied soldiers of the warlord, some of them armed only with hand grenades and daggers, attacked the police prefecture. Loyal forces seized the prefecture, which previously had been held by the Binh Xuyen sect, in a bloodless manoeuvre two days ago. — Reuter and United Press.

Triumph For
M. Faure

Paris, Mar. 29. Premier Edgar Faure, who pushed the German rearmament agreement through the French Senate, won another important Parliamentary victory early today when the National Assembly granted an extension of his special economic powers through April.

The Assembly voted 329 to 285 in extending the economic powers which M. Faure says are required for a revitalisation of the French economy.

Lake yesterday it appeared that M. Faure might have to ask that the issue be made a question of confidence in his government, but early today the Assembly granted the extension. The action was expected to enable M. Faure to undercut the anti-tax crusades led by Pierre Poujade and his organisation of small shopkeepers. — United Press.

McCormick Worse

Chicago, Mar. 29. The condition of ailing 74-year-old publisher Colonel Robert McCormick, who owns the "Chicago Tribune", has taken a sudden turn for the worse, his doctor said today.

The condition of Colonel McCormick, who had been ill since he was operated on last January 13, is now considered to be very serious, the doctor said. — France-Press.

Buy Mussolini's Car

Rome, Mar. 30. An unknown Englishman bought the car of late war-time dictator of Italy Benito Mussolini at an auction in Rome yesterday.

The price of the car, which was not revealed, was believed to be far above its commercial value. — France-Press.

Trains Make Record 200 mph Run

Bordeaux, Mar. 29. Two French locomotives which raced along a stretch of French railway track at more than 200 miles an hour were credited with a world speed record today and will share the "title" of the iron road.

One of the trains made the run yesterday and the other at dawn today, but French Railway officials would not say which was the faster. One of them touched 231 kilometres an hour and the other

Snow Falls In
London
—Then Sunshine

London, Mar. 29. Snow fell in parts of London this morning after a very good night, but it was followed by a bright fresh Spring day.

Conditions were steadily improving in western and central England after serious week-end flooding, but several villages were still isolated and thousands of acres of farmland remained under water. — Reuter.

MP Expelled
From Party

Melbourne, Mar. 29. The Victorian Labour Party executive announced tonight it had expelled a Federal Member of Parliament and 25 other party members for a "deliberate and defiant challenge to this executive."

The expelled Member is Mr John Mullens and there are seven Federal Parliament members and four state Cabinet Ministers in the suspended list.

The Executive said that in a telegram Mr Mullens wrote: "I cannot recognise Eytt or your bogus executive."

Observers said the suspensions would almost certainly lead to the formation of a breakaway party, reducing the Victorian Labour Government's support to 26 in a House of 65. — Reuter.

Hongkong
Students
"On Strike"

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Ninety-five Hongkong students attending the Japan Economic Junior College at Muroshino went on strike yesterday and threatened to boycott graduation ceremonies scheduled for today.

The students, most of them children of Chinese businessmen in Hongkong, protested that they were charged US\$650 for entrance fees, tuition, food and other expenses although leaders advertising the school said costs would be lower.

They also demand an assurance from the school President that all students would be accepted by Universities. Of the 95, 55 have already been accepted, four will return home and 36 are undecided about their future. — United Press.

A-TESTS
ALMOST
FINISHED
Two In One Day

Las Vegas, Mar. 29. Two Atomic devices were exploded at the Nevada testing grounds today. It was the first time there had been more than one explosion on a single day.

The first was the most powerful of the present series of tests — a device detonated from a 500-ft. tower. It was said to be about as devastating as the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

The second test was of a device dropped from a high flying plane. The explosion at about 15,000 feet appeared as a yellow flash.

It was similar to the one which launched the current series of tests last February 16, though it seemed to be brighter than that explosion.

An Atomic cloud appeared to rise rapidly from the blast point. Observers watching from mountains overlooking the test area said the cloud was tinted pink. A black ring inside later turned pink to conform with the rest of the cloud.

A double ice cap formed on top as the cloud climbed, the observers said.

A MILD JOIT

Only a mild joit was felt in Las Vegas from the tower test, but in Cedar City, Utah, it was described as the strongest ever felt from an Atomic explosion.

The tower test, second of its kind in the series, had been postponed since March 14 because of unsuitable weather.

About 112 aircraft flew in the area afterwards, including the Martin B-57 two-jet intruder bomber making its first appearance here. Experts on board took cloud samples.

A mushroom cloud rose 30,000 feet in about five minutes and on ice cap formed on top. Then the cloud broke into three sections as most of the dust from the stem fell out on the test site.

About 650 soldiers took up position in trenches 3,500 yards from the scene of the blast. A detachment of marines who were also to take part were withdrawn at the last minute.

No explanation for this was offered.

Two other major tests are scheduled but AEC spokesmen have said that no test in this series will be more powerful than others conducted in previous years.

Most of this year's explosions have been of devices described as of the "baby A-bomb class." — Reuter.

Top Level Denials Of Imminent Danger

ANTI-WAR SCARE
MOVE
BY EISENHOWER

Washington, Mar. 29.

The Eisenhower administration today tried to stamp out the flames of a major war scare in America.

This developed over the week-end after Press and radio reports predicted imminent war in the Formosa area.

These predictions were based on an "off the record" dinner Press conference given by a high naval officer.

The reports said the Chinese Communists were ready to begin their attack on the Nationalist off-shore islands of Matsu in mid-April and on Quemoy in May or June.

President Eisenhower's military advisers were urging him to intervene with Atom precision bombs if necessary and also to bomb China's industrial potential in Manchuria, the report added.

WEEK-END DENIALS

Over the week-end officials at a comparatively low level threw cold water on the reports without dampening their sensational effect.

Fanned by Senator favoring a showdown with Communist China, the scare reached huge proportions yesterday.

Only then did high level administration sources intervene to extinguish the flames. They declared that a completely mistaken impression had been created by the reports and that it was the belief of the President that war was not imminent.

Today they gave the following information in support of this belief and added that this assessment of the President's was backed up by the National Security Council, the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the latest evaluated military intelligence reports.

This assessment was: That the Chinese Communists were not sufficiently prepared to launch an all-out attack upon Quemoy or Matsu by mid-April or any such early date.

That the Chinese Communists have not yet assembled the aircraft, troops and landing craft or completed the large and numerous bases or established the communications necessary for a sustained major continuing attack on Quemoy or Matsu.

That the week-end reports represented only the "parochial" viewpoints of one individual representing one service, presumably the navy.

That politically the Chinese Communists were unlikely to launch a bloody attack on the eve of their attendance in the role of a great and peaceful power at the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung, Indonesia, opening on April 13.

These sources did not minimise the seriousness or dangers of the Formosa situation, however, but they appeared to be convinced that such an attack could not succeed and that, therefore, it would not be attempted. — Reuter.

SMASHED TO BITS

Suddenly the C-46 tore loose from its moorings and bore down on a small two-seater aircraft which had just completed a training flight.

The big plane smashed the trainer to bits, then slid into the snack shop. Gasoline spilled over the area but did not ignite. At least 18 air-men managed to escape unscathed from the flaming wreckage of the snack shop.

Colonel Chick said the C-46 crew chief, apparently "let the engines run away" causing the transport to break loose.

Colonel Chick said all the injured were in satisfactory condition. — United Press.

MP's Question On
HK Umbrellas

London, Mar. 29. Mr Austin Low, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, said today he had no evidence that sales in Britain of British-made umbrellas had been adversely affected by imports, the main source of which was Hongkong.

Mr R. W. Sorensen, Labour, had asked in the House of Commons how far these sales and the export of British umbrellas had been affected by imports and by overseas competition in world markets. He also asked what were the main sources of these imports and competition.

Mr Low added: "Exports have fallen from 31,100 dozen in 1952 to 22,298 dozen in 1954, but I have no information how far this decline is due to competition from other countries and how far to an increase in home demand."

"Foreign competition overseas comes mainly from Japan, but also from Italy and Germany." — Reuter.

Deadlock In
London
Paper Strike

London, Mar. 29.

London newspaper proprietors, forced to suspend publication since last Friday by a strike of 700 maintenance engineers and electricians, tonight prepared for a long siege by issuing dismissal notices to several thousand employees.

The notices apply to non-journalistic staff who are entitled to a fortnight's notice or less. Compositors, printers and packers are affected.

Tonight's dismissal notices become effective on April 15. The announcement came after a day of pleading by Ministry of Labour officials with newspaper chiefs and trade union leaders to break the deadlock.

Both sides turned down suggestions that they should meet together to try to solve the dispute which has silenced the city's national newspapers for five days.

Tonight, a Labour Ministry spokesman said: "The situation is unchanged. The end is not yet in sight."

CABINET TALKS

Tomorrow the strike of 700 technicians will be discussed by Sir Winston Churchill's cabinet. Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, will report on the latest position and may make a statement to the House of Commons in the afternoon.

Today the strike leaders who want their minimum wage raised by £2.18.8 were in session discussing their plans to carry on the stoppage. Their attitude was voiced by one official who said: "We will not yield."

Their unions, the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the Communist-led Electrical Trades Union, have rejected a suggestion by the Newspaper Proprietors' Association to put their claim before an Arbitration Tribunal.

The proprietors offered the electricians and mechanics a weekly rise of 14 shillings. They argue that in the last week before the strike the actual earnings for adult skilled men averaged £15.2.

MORE RADIO NEWS

The BBC tonight announced that because of the newspaper strike it would immediately extend its seven daily radio news bulletins from 15 to 20 minutes. In addition it will broadcast extra news summaries twice a day starting tomorrow.

Television will also increase its news coverage. Five journalists will take part in an extra "Commentary Programme" tonight and similar "Background to the News" series will be televised on succeeding evenings, the BBC stated. — Reuter.

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Honour For President Peron



President Peron, strong man of the Argentine, has been honoured by agricultural workers and people of the Interior. At a recent ceremony in the famous May Square in Buenos Aires a parade was held by gauchos on horseback and the President was presented with a historical Indian lance. This presentation was made in appreciation of his interest in the problems of the people of the Interior. This picture shows the President receiving the Indian lance in front of Government House, B.A.—Express Photo.

Jagan Supporters
Red Flag Rally
NEW LEADERSHIP OF
PARTY CONTESTED

Georgetown, Mar. 29.

A special meeting of supporters of Doctor Cheddi Jagan, deposed Chief Minister of British Guiana, recently ousted from the leftwing People's Progressive Party leadership, has demanded the expulsion of the Party's new chiefs.

Dr Jagan and his wife, Janet, former PPP General Secretary, contest the validity of the voting at a Party meeting last month which deprived them of their top Party offices.

Three hundred members of the pro-Jagan faction meeting on Sunday night at Buxton village, 12 miles from here, unanimously passed a resolution for the expulsion of Mr Forbes Burnham, who replaced Dr Jagan as leader of the PPP legislative group, Mr Jai Narine Singh, Mrs Jagan's successor as Party Secretary, and Mr Joseph Lachman Singh.

The motion was presented by Mr Sidney King, Communications Minister in the Jagan Government deposed as pro-Communist by Britain in 1953, who presided.

RED FLAG

A red flag flew in front of the cinema where the meeting was held. Among slogans inside were "Boy-cott Burnham", "We will keep the red flag flying", and "We demand freedom."

At a rival PPP conference on Sunday, 2,000 members cheered Mr Burnham when he declared he had no Communist affiliations. He said his group was Socialist with the immediate aim of independence for this British colony.—Reuter.

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Will Attempt
Slow Down
Diplomacy

Moscow, Mar. 29.

Official Soviet publications clearly indicated today that the next step of Soviet diplomacy will be to try to prevent or slow the implementation of the agreements to re-arm West Germany.

FRENCH
JOURNALIST
ARRESTED

Paris, Mar. 29.

FRENCH journalist Roger Stephane, a staff member of the leftwing, neutralist weekly, France-Observateur, was arrested today and charged with damaging the external security of the state, in a move connected with the defence leaks case.

The arrest was followed immediately by a protest from the National Federation of the French Press, criticising the step as a threat to freedom of the Press. Stephane, who is also known as Roger Worms, was held responsible by military judicial authorities for two articles published on July 30, 1953 and May 27, 1953.

One article, "In Doubtful Combat", discussed the Navarre plan for the strategic defence of Laos in the Indo-China war.

The other, entitled "The Report of the Generals", concerned the confidential reports of Generals Paul Hly and Raoul Salan on the situation in Indo-China.

One of the articles appeared at a moment when the then Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was engaged in discussions aiming at ending hostilities in Indo-China.

The articles contained information on the conduct of the fighting and possibilities of reinforcing the expeditionary corps with men and material, which was considered by military authorities as secret.—France-Press.

ONE GOOD
TURN....

Wellington, Mar. 29.

A motorist who was given a "ticket" for speeding at New Plymouth wrote to the Chief Traffic Officer of the city admitting the offence.

He explained it was a wet, unpleasant evening and he had driven his son to a Scout meeting.

By going to Scouts, even though it was wet, his son had done his good deed for the day, while the motorist had done his good deed by driving his son there. The traffic officer had done his good deed by pulling up an offender.

"I suggest, sir, you now have an opportunity of doing your good deed," wrote the motorist.

"What did I do?" asked the Chief Traffic Officer, when he told the story to the local Chamber of Commerce. "I let him off."—China Mail Special.

The British Government intends vigorously to endorse a bill now before the House of Commons to prevent oil pollution of the sea. Mr John Boyd Carpenter, Minister of Transport, announced today.

He was addressing a committee studying in detail at the House of Commons proposed new laws to implement last year's international convention on the subject.—Reuter.

Russia warned the West that it would carry out its threat to establish an "Eastern NATO" as soon as the Paris agreements are ratified by all nations concerned and repeated its threats this would make the reunification of Germany impossible.

NOT CAUGHT

Izvestia, the official Government newspaper, said that "as far as the Soviet Union and other peaceful states are concerned, ratification of the Paris agreements did not catch them unawares."

"This was clearly stated, as is known by the Governments of these States, at the Moscow conference at the end of last year (when the Eastern defence alliance was formed). It was stressed in the declaration of the conferences that in case of ratification of the Paris agreements the peaceful peoples will take measures about ensuring security in Europe by joint efforts."

"Despite their assertions by the advocates of the Paris agreements they are incompatible with German reunification for they are directed towards consolidating the country's division for many years," Izvestia said.

Izvestia also said that debates in the French Parliament were a "shameful history of submission of reactionary Parliamentarians to shameless pressure on the part of the United States and Britain."

It also called it a "flagrant intervention of American and British diplomacy and its Bonn partners in the French Republic's internal affairs."

The Labour publication Trud noted that "any attempt to begin implementation of the Paris agreements, and setting up army divisions in West Germany to recover former German territory 'will undoubtedly require the adoption of corresponding counter-measures.'"

"The declaration adopted in December of last year by the Moscow conference... clearly and precisely defined the aims of the peaceful nations," Trud said.

"CRUDE PRESSURE"

Trud echoed Izvestia's charges that the "Paris agreements debates" this time took place under conditions of crude pressure from the outside, blackmail and threats.

"Ruling circles of America, Britain and West Germany exerted unprecedented pressure with the aim to achieve unreserved ratification of the Paris agreements," Trud said.—United Press.

MOVE TO FREE
WAR CRIMINALS

Tokyo, Mar. 30.

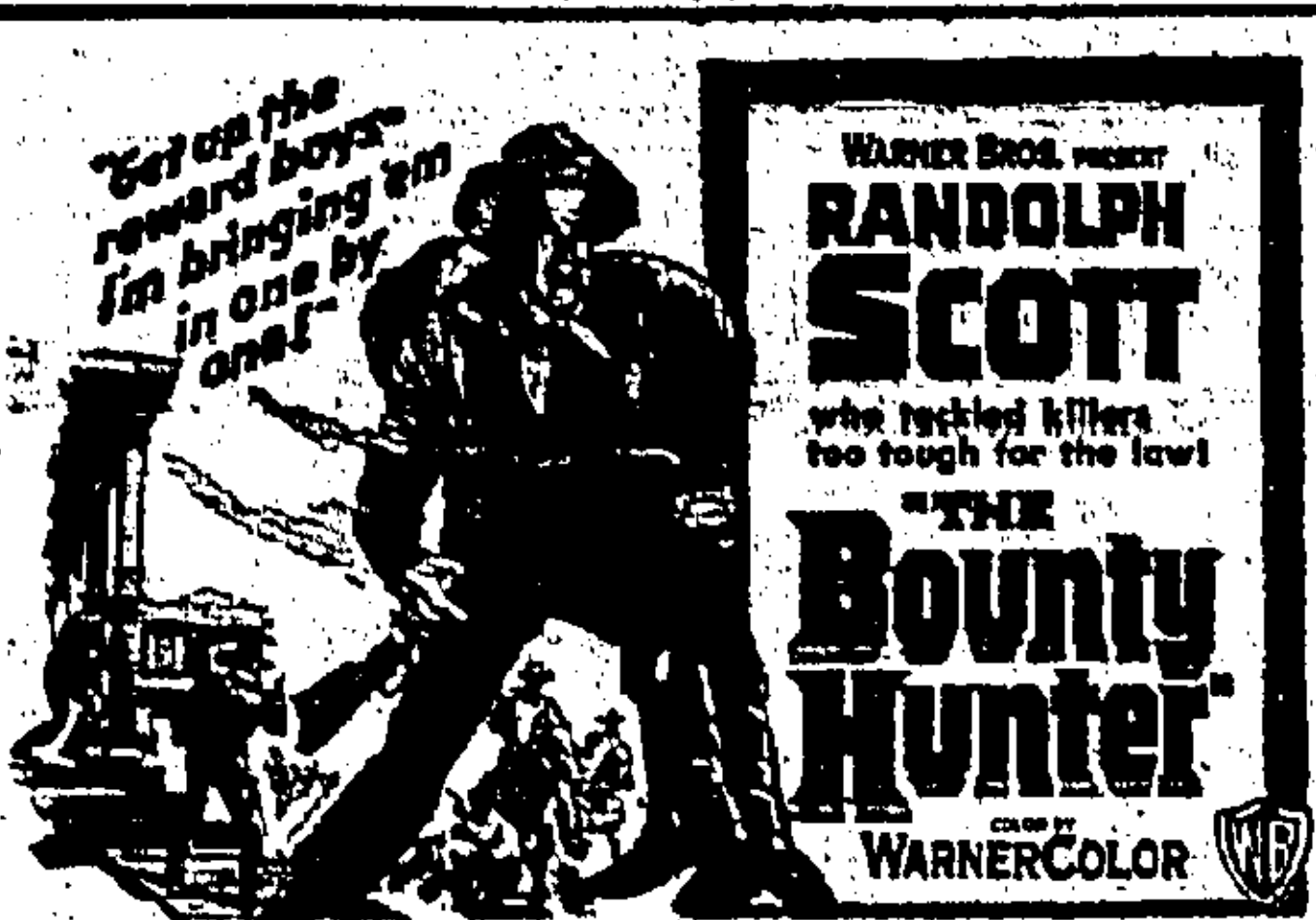
Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu said Japan was seeking the early release on parole of Japanese war criminals "since the matter constitutes a major human issue."

About 700 Japanese war criminals are still serving sentences in Tokyo's Sugamo Prison.

Mr Shigemitsu told the Upper House Budget Committee yesterday: "Prospects are good" of obtaining the release or parole of several of these prisoners by the United States, Britain, Australia and the Netherlands.—China Mail Special.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

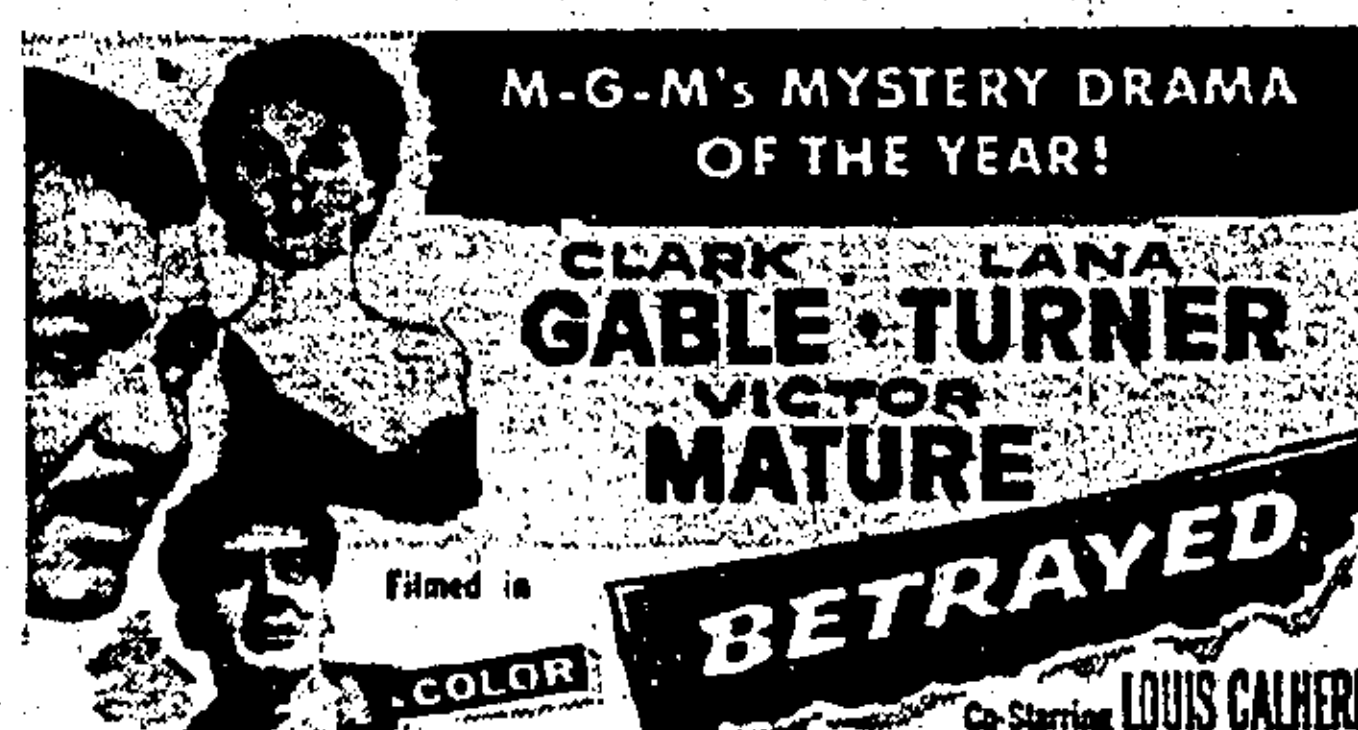
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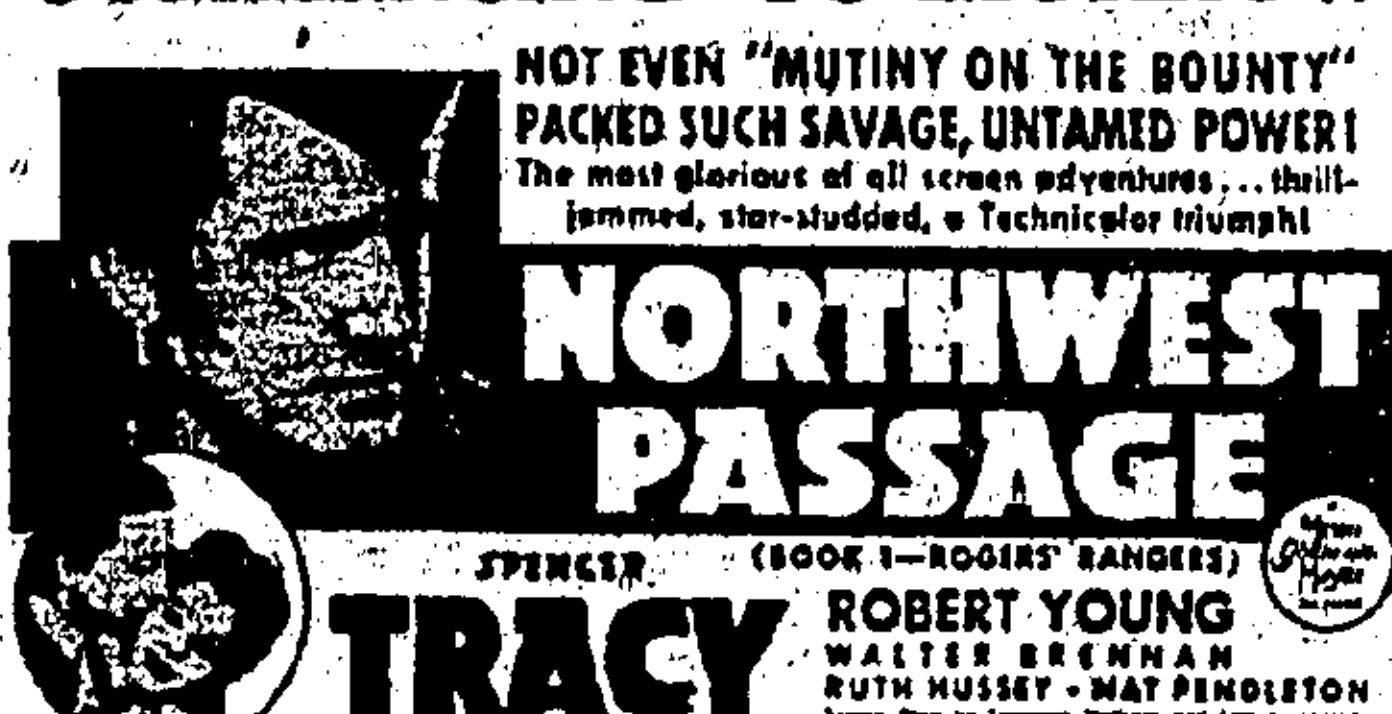
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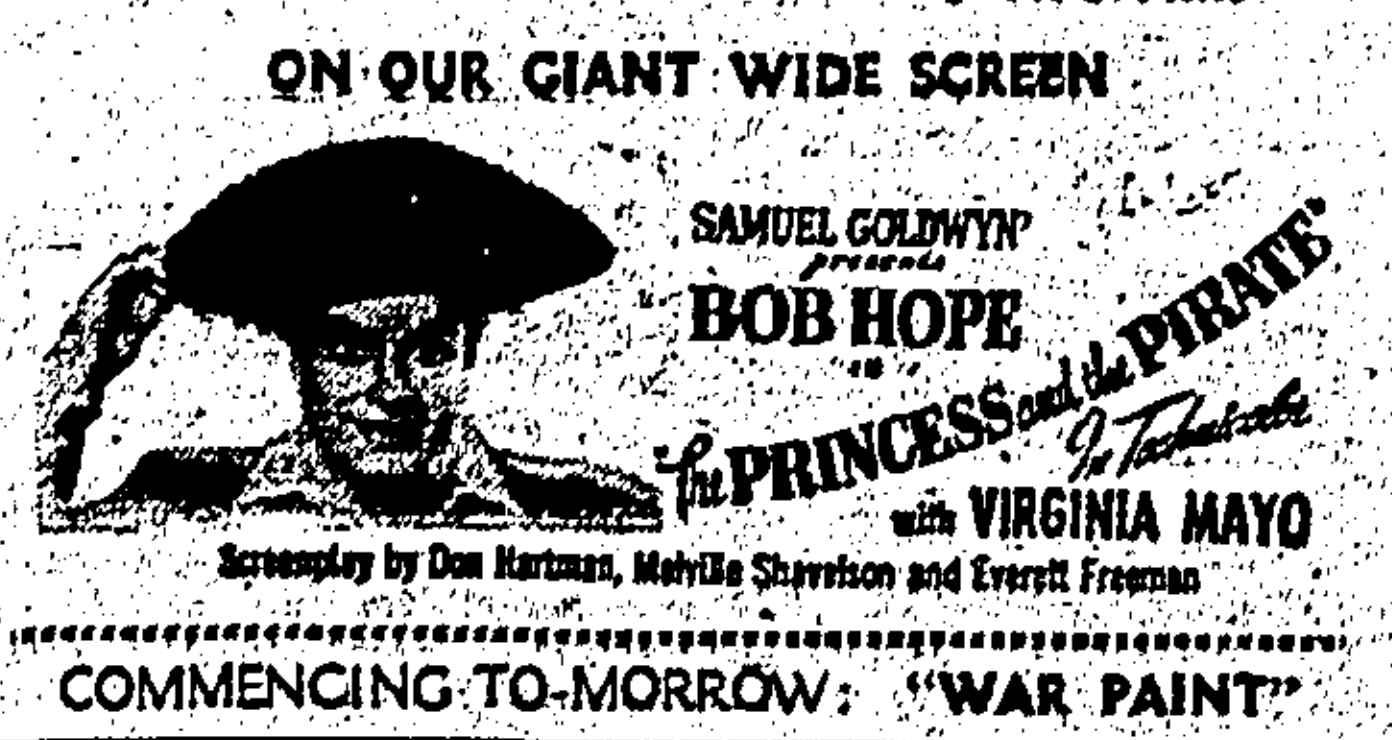
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About to take notice



British Decision On Middle East Pact Due Today

TERMINATION OF IRAQ TREATY ANTICIPATED

London, Mar. 29.

Britain is expected to announce tomorrow its decision to join the new Turco-Iraqi pact, bringing Middle East defence into closer association with the North Atlantic alliance.

Authoritative sources disclosed that negotiations are in their closing phase. The Foreign Office conceded that the consultations are on the point of conclusion.

Quins Rumour: Arrests Made

Havana, Mar. 29. Rural guards in the Guantanamo district of Cuba have arrested several people accused of spreading false reports that a local woman had given birth to quintuplets.

When the reports reached Guantanamo officials last night, an ambulance was sent out to find the mother and bring the babies to hospital. But the ambulance crew failed to find any quins, according to accounts reaching Havana today. — China Mail Special.

ISRAEL BUYS MYSTERE

Paris, Mar. 29. Israel has ordered 15 supersonic Mystere II fighter planes from France, it was announced here tonight.

French officials said that the 15 planes, now ordered as the first of a group, Israel is negotiating to buy from the French Government.

The Mystere was the first French plane to cross the sound barrier three years ago. The latest prototype of the plane, the Mystere IV, recently crossed the sound barrier on a horizontal flight.

This marks the third order the D'Assault Plane Works has received from a foreign nation. Seventy-seven Ouragan fighters were sold to India earlier this year and 225 Mystere IVs have been constructed under the US-NATO offshore procurement programme. — United Press.

It was understood twin announcements will be made tomorrow, provided final agreement is reached on last points.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, or the Minister of State, Mr. Anthony Nutting, were believed ready to make the announcement in the Commons on Britain's behalf, while the Iraqi Premier, Nuri al Said, was slated to announce in Baghdad the termination of the 1930 treaty linking Iraq to Britain.

This statement would open the way for Britain to associate itself with the defence treaty signed between Turkey and Iraq at the end of February, despite Egyptian objections. The original Anglo-Iraqi pact was to have run until 1957.

NEW TERMS

The new British-approved treaty "package" would include:

1. Termination of the old treaty;
2. British association with Turkey and Iraq;
3. An agreement on sharing two RAF bases in Iraq.

Thus there will soon be three new pacts in existence in the Middle East as the basis of a defence organisation between Turkey, Iraq and Britain and Iraq. Pakistan is expected to be the next country to announce association with the Turco-Iraqi pact and, authoritative quarters said, when this takes place it will be possible to set up a Secretariat for the "northern tier" organisation for Middle East defence.

There was reason here to believe that the United States would also announce its association with the "northern tier" concept, the sources said.

This Secretariat would be allowed to act as a kind of "Turco-Iraqi pact" which allows for other countries to join the organisation.

Iran was said to be "moving fast" toward joining this complex to complete the northern defence tier extending from Turkey around the flank of anti-Communist defences to Pakistan.

Through Britain's association with the scheme of defence pacts, authoritative quarters said the northern tier of Middle East defence would be more closely tied to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Under the new agreement with Iraq it is understood Britain will be allowed to retain her existing air bases at Habbaniyah and Shaiba, sharing them with Iraq.

Situated on a bend of the Euphrates—first river mentioned in the Holy Bible—Habbaniyah today is the fourth largest township in Iraq. It was built by the Royal Air Force and is a self-contained and almost self-supporting community.

Royal Air Force officers on the spot said Habbaniyah was the nerve centre of the defence theatre nearest the Iron Curtain. One high-ranking officer compared its position in the Middle East with that of Malta in the Mediterranean, which is the headquarters for NATO's southern flank.

AN ISLAND

"Habbaniyah is just as much an island in the centre of a great land mass which could present a rapping flank in our defences," he said.

Conservative estimates of up-to-date jet bombing ranges showed that Habbaniyah could cover the whole of the Caspian Sea area and most of the Black Sea, including some of the Soviet's most valuable ports and oil refineries.

Twenty years ago, RAF officers said, the site on the Euphrates was empty wilderness, whereas today it is a community of more than 15,000, comprising at least 15 nationalities from White Russian to Chinese, Kurds and Afghans.

Alongside the actual RAF station Habbaniyah has its own entirely civil community numbering about 12,000. — United Press.

TRUCE PLAN FOR BRITISH DOCKERS

Liverpool, Mar. 29. Employees today called a "truce" in the inter-union row which caused over 15,000 British dockers to stop work yesterday and again today.

The trouble flared up over a bid by the Stevedores Union, previously centred only in London, to break the monopoly of dock work held since 1947 by the giant Transport and General Workers Union.

When dockers registered for work yesterday—a half yearly routine—Stevedores Union men were refused "books" (in effect permits to work). They immediately struck and the stoppage quickly spread across the Mersey river and inland to the canal dockers of Manchester.

100 SHIPS HALTED

By today, work on 100 ships had been halted and had been slowed down on 22 more.

The Manchester dock labour board jumped in with a "truce" plan. The legal rights of the two unions could only be settled by the Courts, they said, and as that would take time, they would meanwhile issue "books" to all registered dockers.

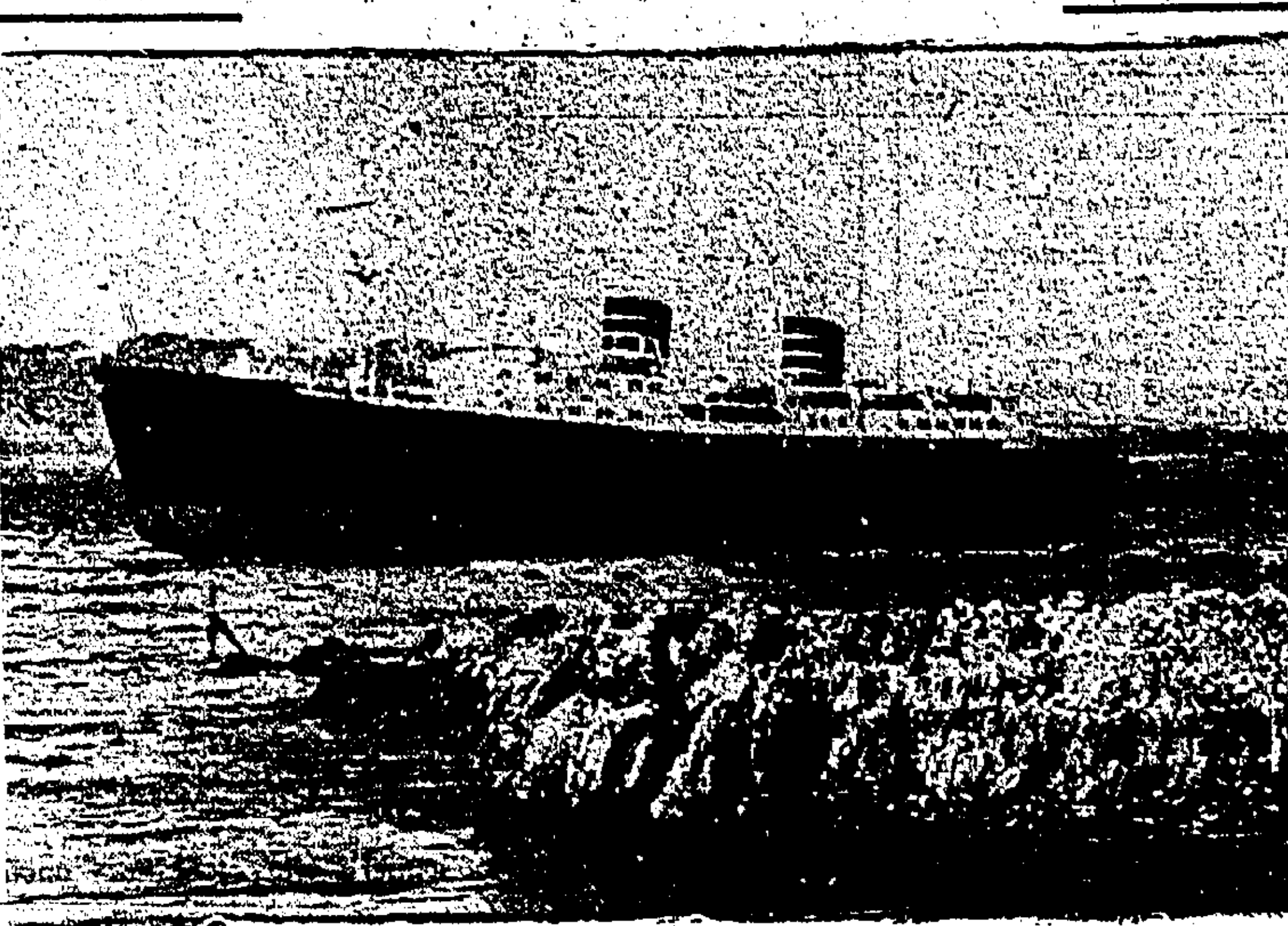
But a meeting of 1,000 Manchester dockers, hearing of this, agreed that it was "despicable" to go back till their comrades on Merseyside had won the same assurance.

Tonight the Liverpool area dock labour board, after a two and half hours meeting, endorsed the Manchester "truce plan."

If as is expected tomorrow's meeting decides to resume work immediately, the strike will end before the plump of ships loading and unloading in the sprawling seven miles of docks on both sides of the Mersey has become acute.

Dockers on the register in the Liverpool area total about 16,000. — Reuters.

Norwegian Liner Swept On Rocks By Gale



NEW ATTACK ON MALENKOV

Light Industry Priority

London, Mar. 29.

Sharp attacks in today's Moscow Press on the advocates of priority for light industry and Mr. Georgi Malenkov's absence from Saturday's session of the Supreme Soviet are regarded in diplomatic quarters here as further pointers to the depth of the fall of the former Soviet Prime Minister.

Officials here are wondering at what point this fall will be arrested or whether, like Alexei Rykov, who 25 years ago also resigned from the Moscow Premiership, Malenkov will end up before a firing squad.

The feeling that since Stalin's death the power struggle in the Kremlin had lost some of its life-giving features has been ground here as the result of the violent strictures in today's Moscow Press.

Without mentioning Mr. Malenkov, by name, the Soviet Government newspaper, *Izvestia*, attacked those who had put consumer goods before the drive for heavy industry as "right-wing opportunists" and "enemies of the people."

These were far stronger terms than those used by Mr. Malenkov himself when in his resignation speech to the Supreme Soviet he confessed to errors of judgment and lack of experience.

But Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Communist Party Secretary, now regarded as the real ruler in the Kremlin, condemned Mr. Malenkov much more forthrightly at that time. He compared his "errors with those of Bukharin, who in 1933 was executed on charges of conspiracy against Stalin.

Another sign of the degree of Mr. Malenkov's disgrace is the promotion over his head of several men well beneath him in the Communist hierarchy to the rank of First Deputy Premier.

Asked today whether he had heard of the "strange rumours" about Mr. Malenkov, the Foreign Office spokesman said he could "hardly have failed to hear them." Hastily he added that he could not comment on them.

The wildest rumour is that the former Premier has already been executed, but British officials know nothing to suggest that this is the case.

They attach little significance to the fact that the Swedish delegation of electric power experts visiting Moscow did not

The 6,260-ton Norwegian liner Venus was swept on to the rocks off Mount Batten, Plymouth, England, by the sixty-mile-an-hour gale which covered Southern England. The Venus is engaged on a weekly service to Madeira. She had landed 248 passengers from Madeira and Tenerife, and was due to start the return trip in the afternoon. Two attempts to refloat the liner were unsuccessful and she was driven even further on to the rocks by a second gale which blew up. No casualties were suffered. Picture shows: view of the Norwegian liner off the rocks at Plymouth. — Express Photo.

Tree Tips War But Not Winners

Singapore, Mar. 29. A "TALKING tree," said to be animated by the ghost of a 16-year-old Japanese girl, has predicted that World War III would start in 1960—and that Malaysia would not be involved.

The talking tree stated that the "forces of democracy" would win the war.

The tree is a rambutan tree growing in a small coconut plantation near here. It started "talking" a month ago. It began when a 50-year-old woman named Zaleba, working late one night at a crape skin nearby, heard a whistling sound.

She heard it again on successive nights, and discovered that the sound came from the rambutan tree. She said she learned the tree's "language" and was told that the spirit of the tree was a 16-year-old Japanese girl who had lived nearby.

In her lifetime, she had learned to craft, and after her death she became the guardian spirit. The tree told Zaleba not to mention their conversations.

NO MORE

Zaleba told several of the villagers—and now the tree will not "talk" to her any more. It has shifted its attention to a young girl in the village named Lassi. Yatan, and whistles its answers to all her questions.

Crowds have come to listen to the tree, and electricians and police have examined it for wiring, but could find no evidence of faking.

Witnesses to the tree's "talks" say it makes a sound "something like Morse."

But the talking rambutan refuses to answer any questions at all on gambling. On the subject of horses or lottery tickets, it maintains a stubborn silence—and the local gamblers have gone away disappointed at getting no tips. — France-Press.

CATHOLICS BOYCOTT MEETINGS

Brussels, Mar. 29. Catholic Members of a Parliamentary Committee examining a school's reform bill that touched off nation-wide rioting announced today that they will boycott future meetings.

The Catholic walk-out was the latest protest against the Socialist Liberal Government's decision to maintain a clause in the bill cutting subsidies to Catholic schools by \$10,000,000 annually.

Two Catholic Deputies, Mr. Albert Gilson and Mr. Albert Verwilt, said that they would introduce an urgent measure today to bring up the budget cut for immediate consideration.

Parliament was expected to approve their motion, but whether further debate now would calm or incite the nation was anybody's guess. — United Press.

Dramatic Turn In Jelke Case

New York, Mar. 29.

DEFENCE attorneys for Minot (Mark) F. Jelke suddenly regain their case today after presenting eight witnesses in an effort to disprove charges of compulsory prostitution against the former playboy.

The defence rested in the 14th day of the trial on a note of bitter argument between the defence attorney, Mr. George W. Herz, and Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Anthony J. Liebler. The dispute was over the admission in evidence of a bank statement on an account which Jelke had at the First National Bank, Lake Forest, Illinois.

The sudden end of the case for the defence came as a surprise. Mr. Herz had indicated that he might have additional witnesses, and during a recess he had brought into the Court house a wire recording machine and speaker attachment.

FINAL WITNESS. The final defence witness 1908 Mr. Charles F. Salcedo, an official of the Bankers Trust Company. He spent the entire morning under cross-examination by Mr. Liebler as to accounts deposited and withdrawn by Jelke in checking accounts.

Mr. Salcedo testified under direct examination yesterday that the former playboy had received about \$30,000 in loans and gifts during the period in which he shared an apartment with Pat Ward, 21.

Miss Ward and Marguerite Cordova, 26, are the two women Jelke is accused of luring or attempting to lure into a life of prostitution. Jelke was convicted at his first trial two years ago but won a re-trial on the grounds that the Judge, Mr. Francis L. Valente, had closed the courtroom to the Press and public. — United Press.

Salty Liqueur

Brest, Mar. 29. Sea water won't kill you—provided you take it in tota like liqueur.

Surgeon Commander Pierre Aury reported this today after he and ten other French Navy men had spent six days on a rubber raft in sea to find out how shipwrecked persons may stay alive.

Sea water—believed by many to drive men mad if they drink it—was "better than nothing at all," the Commander said.

Only food the men ate were raw fish and ship's biscuits. — China Mail Special.

Journalists Fined For Trespassing

Stockholm, Mar. 29.

Two Swedish journalists were fined 150 Crowns (£10) and 135 Crowns (£9) respectively here today for trespassing in a Stockholm hotel suite occupied by Ingrid Bergman and producer-husband Roberto Rossellini. They were ordered to pay 250 Crowns (£16) costs.

The Court was told that on the morning after Miss Bergman's first night in Stockholm's Jaxa of Arg, the journalists—a woman reporter and a male photographer—went up to the suite though Mr. Rossellini had said he would not receive them.

The photographer took a flashlight picture of the Rossellini children though their nursemaid had refused to allow the journalists to enter.

Rossellini's claim for damages was dismissed. — China Mail Special.

Compromise Tax Formula Sought

Paris, Mar. 29.

Premier Edgar Faure and his Finance Minister Pierre Pflimlin today sought a compromise formula to make their tax revision programme palatable to the parties of their Parliamentary majority.

The Government is seeking Parliamentary grant of special powers to issue decrees to revise France's tax system and to take over its second day of debate on this issue.

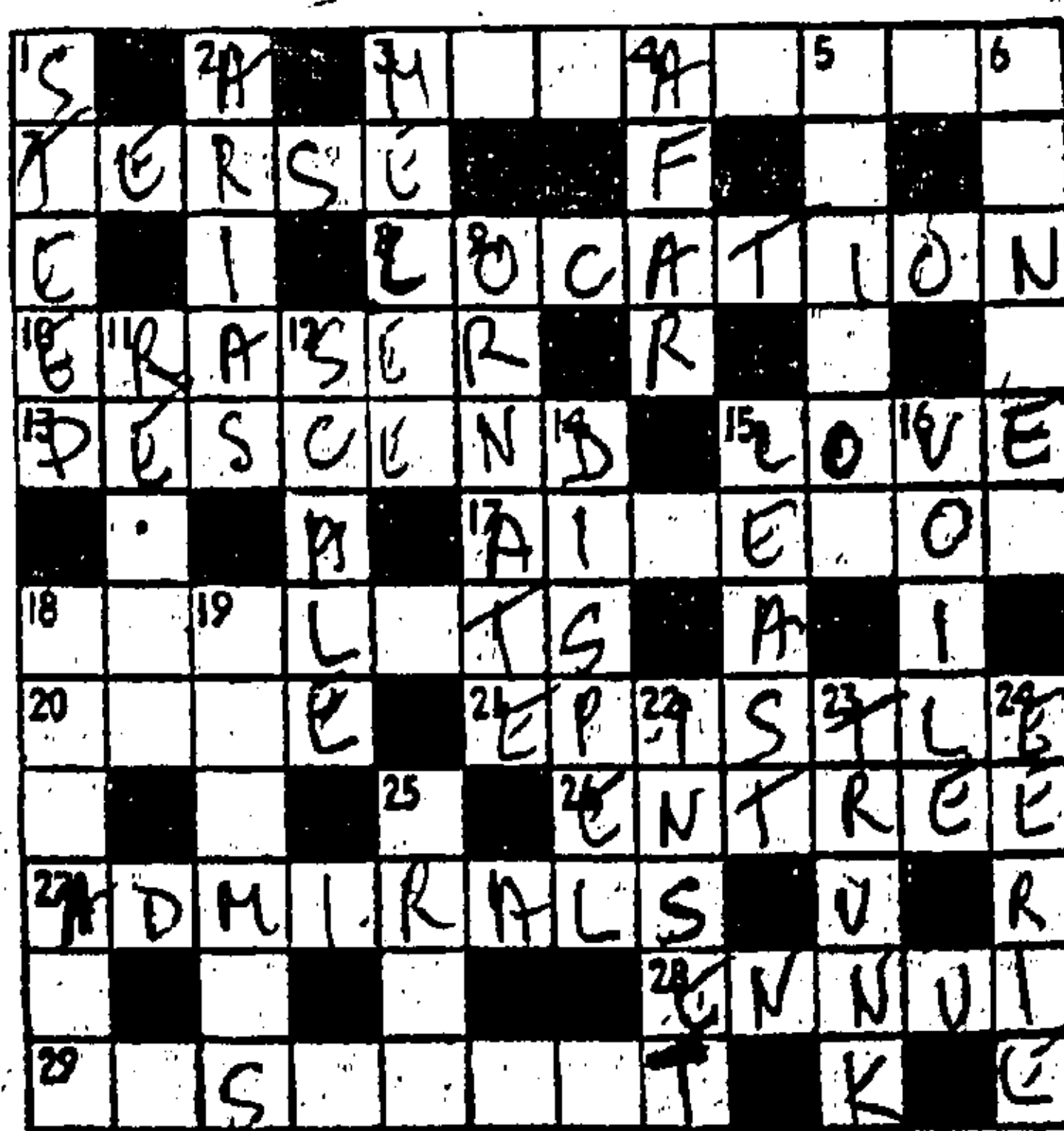
M. Faure has already made certain concessions to demands of Parliamentary backers of a small businessmen's campaign for tax relief but was still encountering opposition today to legislation against tax fraud.

M. Pflimlin met with Parliamentary chiefs of the Government majority parties today to work out a compromise solution on this point, but participants in the session reported divergences still existed.

The Government has agreed to revoke a controversial law providing heavy penalties for obstruction of tax inspection, but insists on putting tooth into French legislation against tax fraud by amending a law already on the books.

A number of National Assembly members in the majority parties are urging the simple abrogation of the controversial legislation without taking any other measures to fill the resulting gap in France's legal defences against fraud. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Kind of syrup (8).
- Concise (5).
- Sue (8).
- India-rubber (8).
- Come down (7).
- Adore (4).
- Part of a plane wing (7).
- Matresses (7).
- Spindle upon which wheel revolves (4).
- Letter (7).
- Course at dinner (6).
- Naval officers (8).
- Boredom (5).
- Relief (8).

DOWN

- Mount (5).
- Operatic songs (5).
- Confused sight (5).
- At a distance (4).
- Woe (5).
- Below the surface (8).
- Elaborately adorned (8).
- Take off (5).
- Climb (6).
- Seater (4).
- Minimum (5).
- Material (5).
- Display (6).
- Animals (8).
- Insertion (5).
- Tomato (5).
- Wet (6).
- Tidy (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Remies, 5 Damps, 8 Tepid, 9 Moriar, 10 Sheep, 11 Grace, 12 Nali, 13 Urges, 16 Vessel, 18 Grades, 20 Creel, 22 Asks, 23 Pined, 25 Cocco, 26 Rulers, 27 Sneak, 28 Asset, 29 Leases. Down: 1 Romanilla, 2 Marriage, 3 Stag, 4 Settled, 5 Discuss, 6 Adhere, 7 Place, 14 Clusters, 15 Subsets, 18 Valiant, 17 Sycarth, 19 Repose, 21 Roams, 24 Duke.

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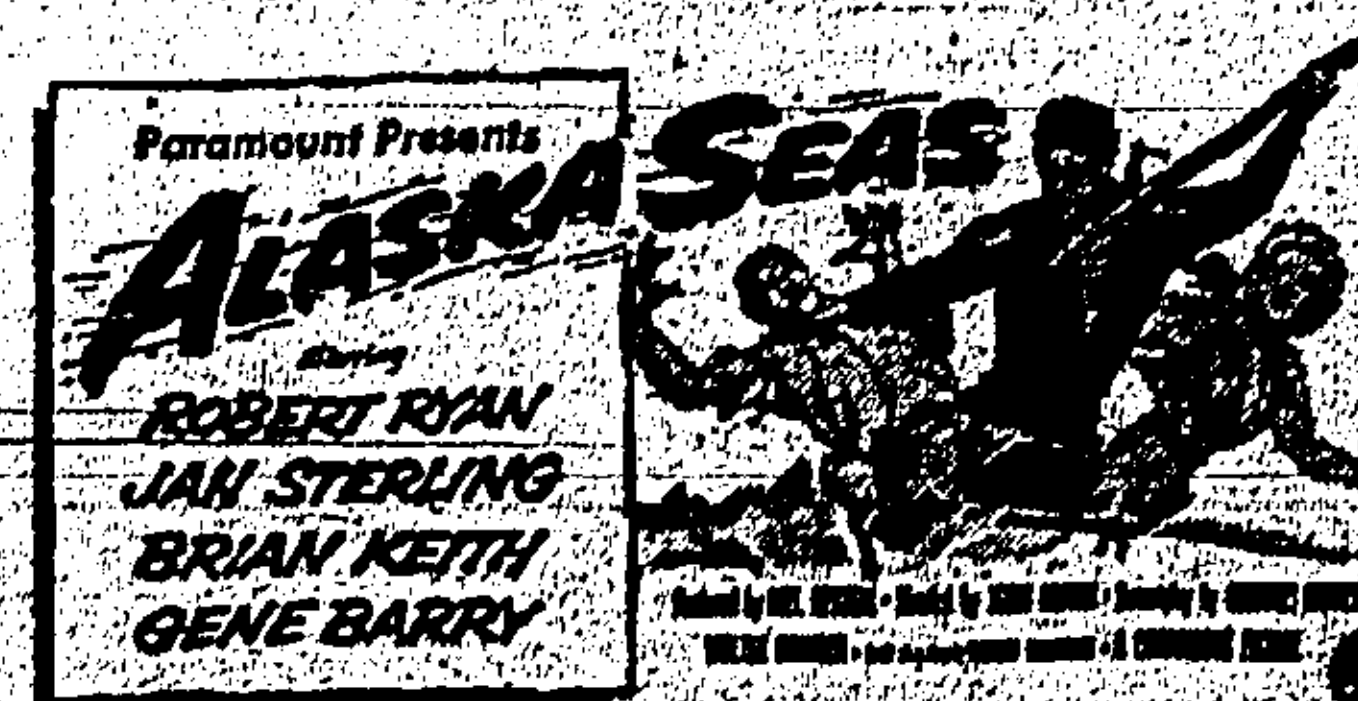
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Notice to Shareholders
THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY LIMITED.
Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday the 2nd April, 1955, at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1954, to declare Dividends, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 21st March, to the 2nd April, 1955, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1955.

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Extraordinary General Meeting
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon on Saturday the 2nd April, 1955, at 12.30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Annual Meeting to be held at Noon on that date shall have concluded) for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:—

"That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$1,680,000.00 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing at the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and accordingly that a special Capital Bonus of \$1,680,000.00 be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who, on the 2nd day of April, 1955, were the holders of the 336,000 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 168,000 unissued ordinary shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons in the proportion of one such ordinary share for every two of the said 336,000 issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the Capital of the Company held by each such shareholder and not as income, and that such shares shall rank for dividend from the 1st January, 1955, and that no fractional certificates shall be issued but that shares representing fractions shall be allotted to a trustee to be nominated by the Directors upon trust for sale on such conditions as they consider expedient, and the net proceeds of sale shall be distributed proportionately amongst those members who would otherwise be entitled to such fractions and in satisfaction thereof."

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NZ TROOPS WELCOME IN MALAYA

London, Mar. 29.
MR. Anthony Head, Minister of War, said today that the recently announced New Zealand contribution to the defence of Malaya was "welcome and important," but would have no important bearing on Britain's manpower position.

Mr. F. Bellenger, a former Labour War Minister, had asked in the House of Commons what manpower the British Army would save through Australian and New Zealand participation in the defence of Malaya and the Southeast Asia area.

Mr. Head replied that the Australian Government had the matter under consideration now. New Zealand would send a Special Air Service squadron which would meet an existing commitment.

Mr. Bellenger asked if New Zealand was not going to maintain a division in certain circumstances for defence in Southeast Asia.

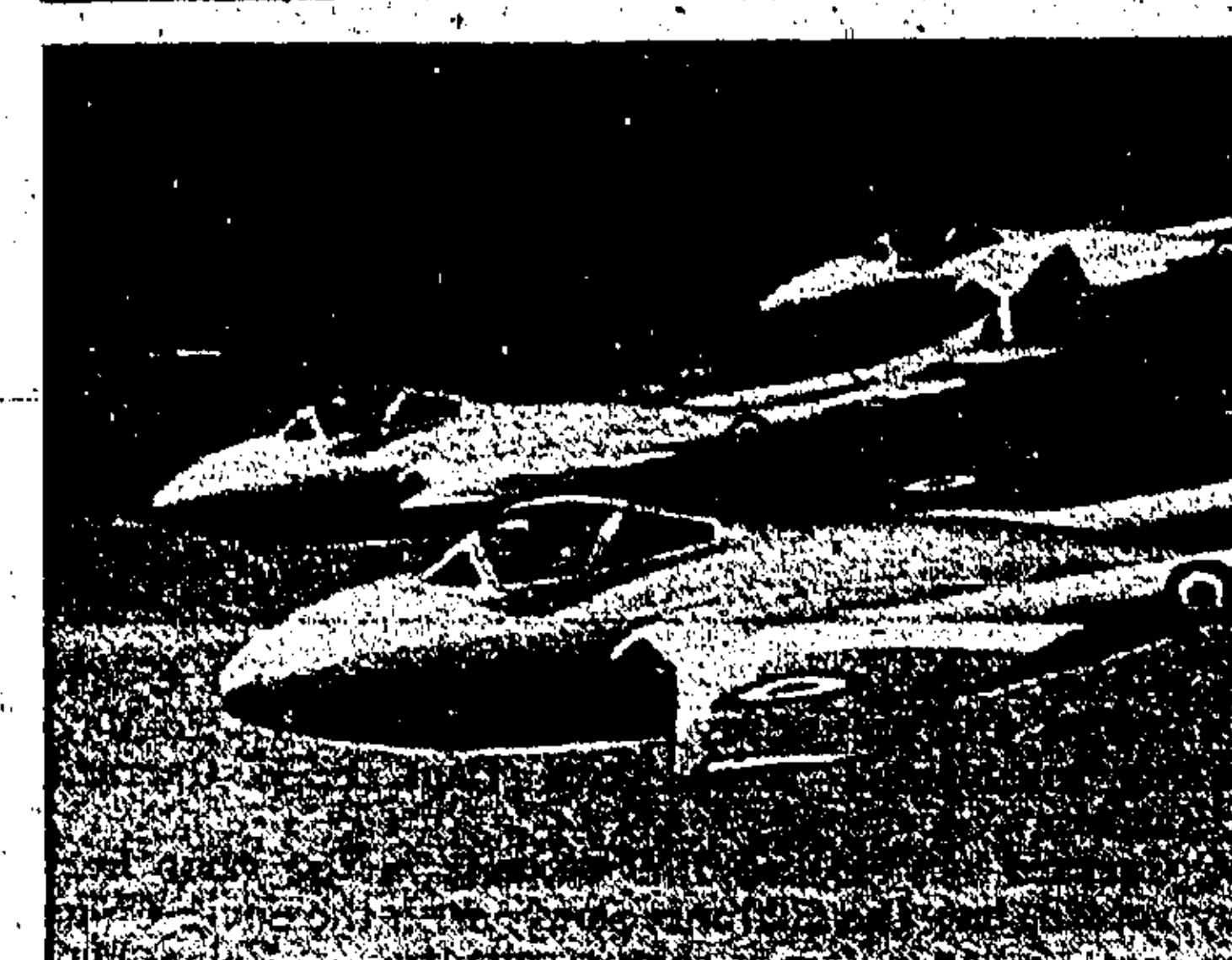
Mr. Head said he understood Mr. Bellenger's original question to refer to the contribution in peace. If Mr. Bellenger was referring to a possible contribution in war, that would have no immediate effect on Britain's manpower.

When Mr. Bellenger asked if that meant that there would be no saving whatever in British Army manpower under this new arrangement, Mr. Head said he could not answer until the size and nature of the Australian contribution was decided.

Mr. George Wigg, Labour, asked if it was not likely that both contributions would be very small because of the size of the New Zealand Army at 2,000 and the Australian Army at 40,000.

Mr. Head said the New Zealand contribution was a welcome and important one, but would have no important bearing on Britain's position. — China Mail Special.

Three de Havilland Trainers In Perfect Formation



The Vampire T. II jet trainer, each with a pupil pilot seated alongside the instructor, on a flight from Oakington RAF Station, Cambridgeshire, under the new training scheme. Under this plan the RAF's new pilots gain their wings on Vampires. — Reuterphoto.

Young Kikuyu Hatchet-Men

Nairobi, Mar. 29.
The police here announced plans today for a special drive against tribal teen-agers smuggled into the city by the Mau Mau murder ring to kill loyal natives.
The age of the Kikuyus range from 12 to 15.
The authorities said the youngsters are smuggled into Nairobi's native quarter by the truck-loads. They must live in hiding and they dare not take regular jobs for fear they might be discovered and sent back to the Kikuyu reservation.
Many of the young hatchet-men have been arrested, but the police are often powerless to deal with them because the emergency regulations invoked against adult Mau Mau murderers do not apply to persons under 17. — United Press.

London, Mar. 29.
A bill to make another £80 million available for development and welfare schemes in the British colonies over the next five years received the Royal consent today.
The total available is now £120 million. — Reuter.

Porters, claiming a 20 per cent night rate increase in pay and another £1 a week for day workers, had agreed yesterday to end their five-week strike by accepting half these amounts while a permanent settlement was negotiated. — China Mail Special.

Corries again jammed the labyrinth of streets at the back of the Royal Opera House, bringing in or taking away supplies and bid mid-morning operations were already reported to be approaching 50 per cent of normal.

Washington, Mar. 29.
The capital's annual cherry blossom festival opened today under sunny skies, but with few blossoms in sight.
Officials said 40 per cent of the blossoms on the famed Japanese cherry trees around the tidal basin had been damaged by cold weather and winds. Remaining buds were expected to put on a good display by the weekend — if there is warmer weather. — China Mail Special.

Some Viscounts now coming off the line are fitted with "slipper" fuel tanks in the wings, which add more than 250 miles of range without appreciably reducing cruising speed. Within a fortnight, New York will see its first Viscount service when Trans-Canada Airlines begins to

operate the turboprop from Toronto.
In the long-range category, the Bristol Britannia has won its first foreign order from El Al Israel, bringing the civil order-book for Britannias to 28 planes, with a letter of intent for six more.
The Israeli order is particularly impressive when the close ties between Israel and the United States are remembered.
In the past El Al, a young and vigorous airline, has always operated an all-American fleet. It is a tribute to the success of the turboprop engine and the Britannia airframe that the first change has now been made in that policy.

Clear Indication
The flight of a production Britannia to Johannesburg from England in under nineteen hours gave a clear indication of the possibilities of the long-range turboprop. Hot-weather trials in South Africa are still in progress.
News from de Havillands of the Comet programme dispels once and for all any uncertainty about the future of the jet for civil operations.
Twenty-one Comets are to be delivered to BOAC, and twenty of these will be of a new type, the Mark 4. It will reach Tokyo with four intermediate stops, and Johannesburg with two. With ten per cent more range than the Comet 3, which it supersedes, it could carry 58 first-class passengers on the London-New York route, with a stop at Gander, at more than 500 mph.
Deliveries are to begin in 1958, at a time when it seems improbable that any other jet airliner can be available for operation.
Design of the Comet 4 is already far advanced, and its aerodynamic and handling qualities have been established using the Comet 3 prototype for flight trials. The medium-range Comet 2 is also to be supplied to the RAF and will be available also for airlines requiring a really fast intercontinental plane.
To complete this review of the British order-book, 29 Handley Page Herald, which have been ordered by airlines in two continents to replace their DC-3s, must be added to the Viscount, Britannia and Comet figures. These firm orders amount to some 214 civil aircraft, with a value of more than £267,000,000. They include approximately forty per cent of all the large airliners on order in the free world at the present time.

Saves Tax
Even in 1955 there are people who consider long-distance flying expensive. But the men who run the British fighting Services are not among them.
In the last three years the number of servicemen travelling by air has increased by seven per cent to a record proportion of 56 per cent. The reason is one of elementary economics—the Services find that air passages to the Far East and Middle East cost less per head than sea passages. Moreover a man can flow home from Singapore in four days, saving weeks of time "in the pipeline."
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The aircraft which have brought about these economies in money and manpower are either flown by the Royal Air Force, or are chartered for the purpose. They include Avro Yorks, Handley Page Hermas and Hastings, Vickers Vikings, and Valettas. They have proved so valuable that Viscounts, Comets and Britannias are to be added to bring the troping fleets right up to date.
Last year the air troopers and freighters covered 14,000,000 miles, so the cost of new equipment will be quickly recovered by full utilisation.

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Although the wing-loading of the Vampire Trainer is moderate, it has all the handling characteristics of a contemporary jet fighter, with a speed of more than 500 mph. All Royal Air Force pilots are trained on Vampires, and the aircraft is also in service with the Royal Navy and the Air Forces of Australia, Burma, Chile, India, Iraq, Lebanon, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Sweden, Switzerland and Venezuela.

The decision of the British Overseas Airways Corporation to order a fleet of new Comets brings the total of large jet airliners now on order in Great Britain to well over 200.

The figure takes into account only aircraft which are designed to carry thirty-six or more passengers. It includes jet turboprop and piston-engined planes, demonstrating British ability to supply aircraft covering the whole range of airline needs, from the blue-band trans-Atlantic liner to the medium range so-called "DC-3 replacement".
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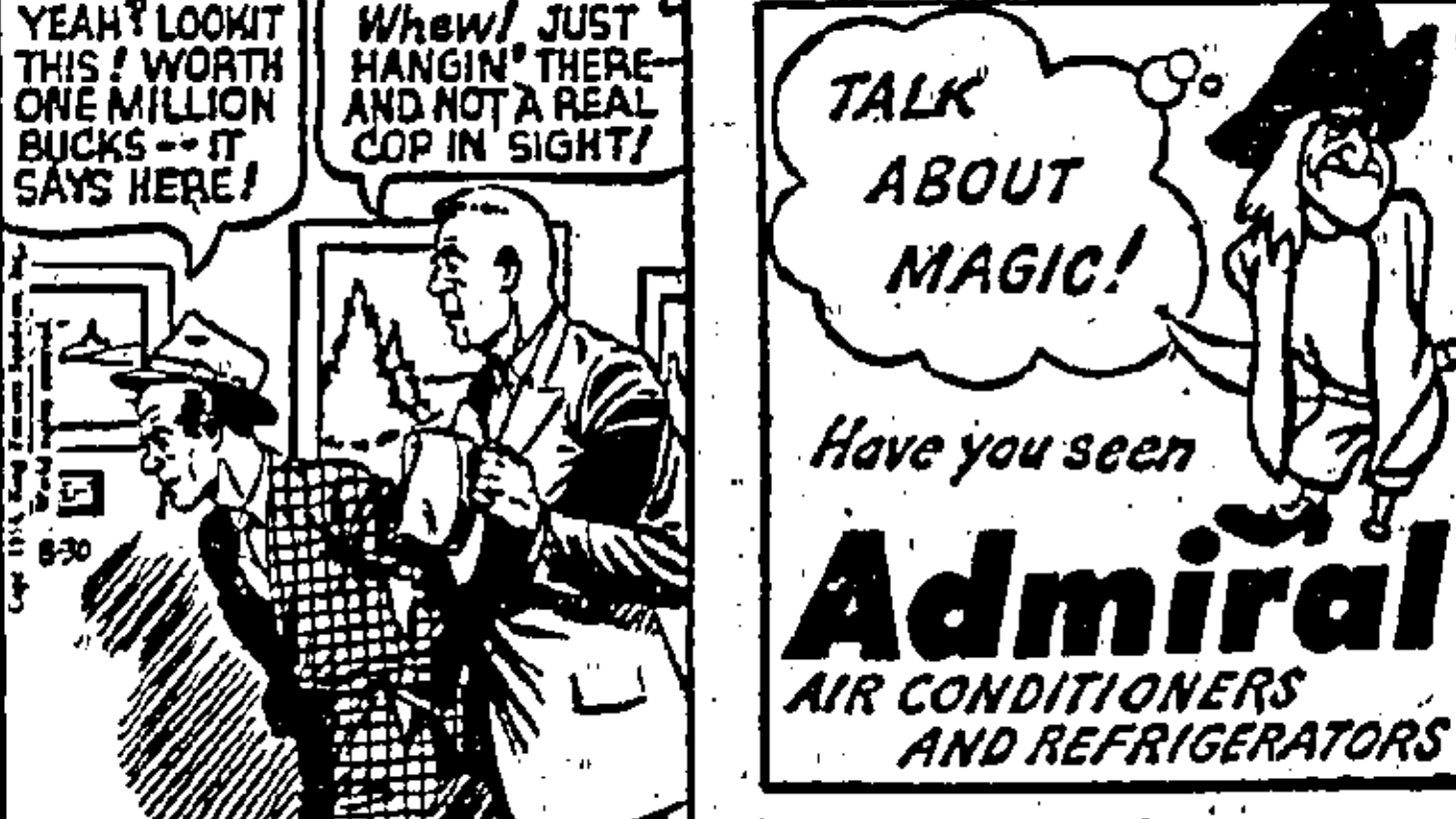
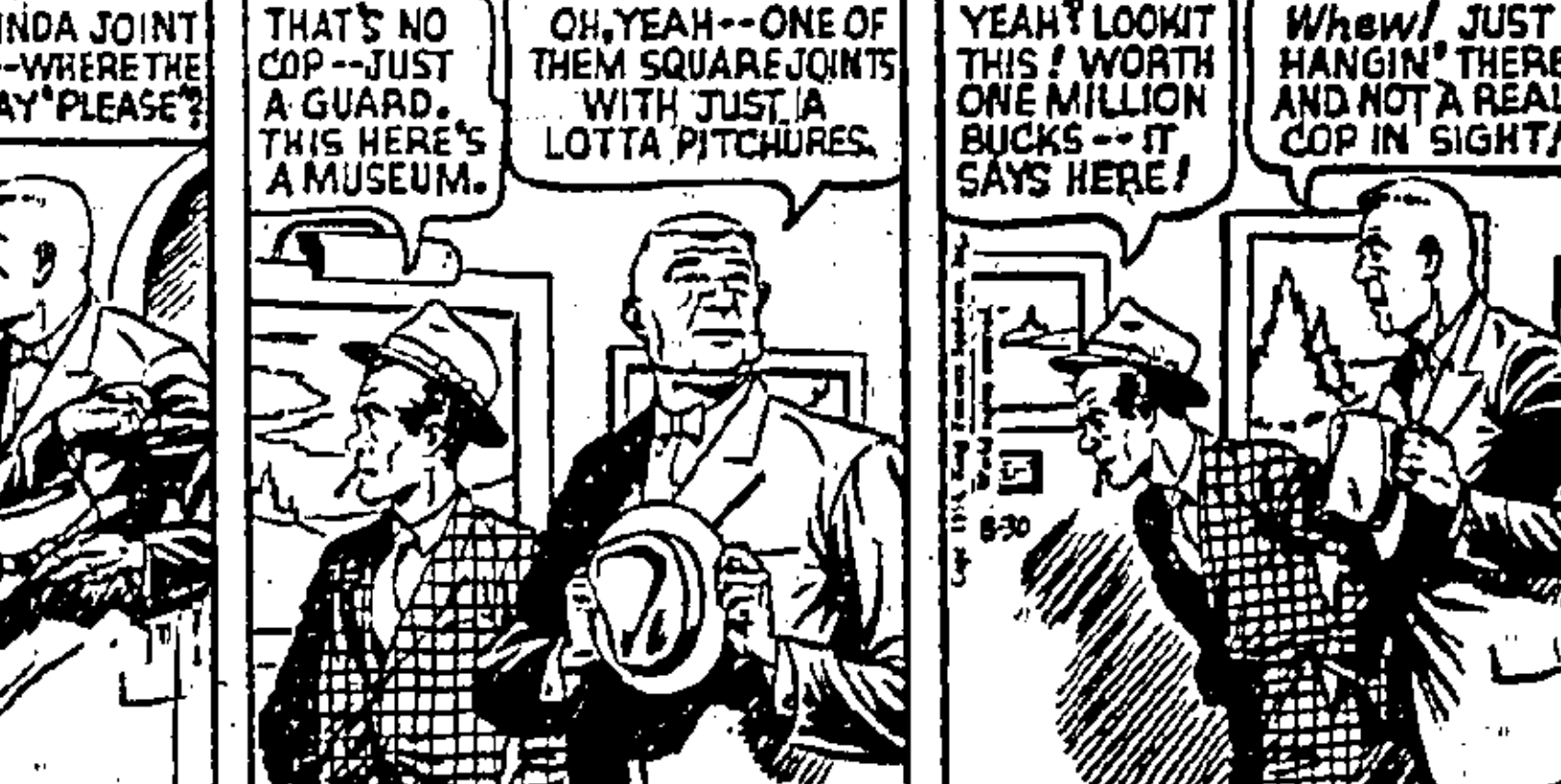
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The aircraft which have brought about these economies in money and manpower are either flown by the Royal Air Force, or are chartered for the purpose. They include Avro Yorks, Handley Page Hermas and Hastings, Vickers Vikings, and Valettas. They have proved so valuable that Viscounts, Comets and Britannias are to be added to bring the troping fleets right up to date.
Last year the air troopers and freighters covered 14,000,000 miles, so the cost of new equipment will be quickly recovered by full utilisation.

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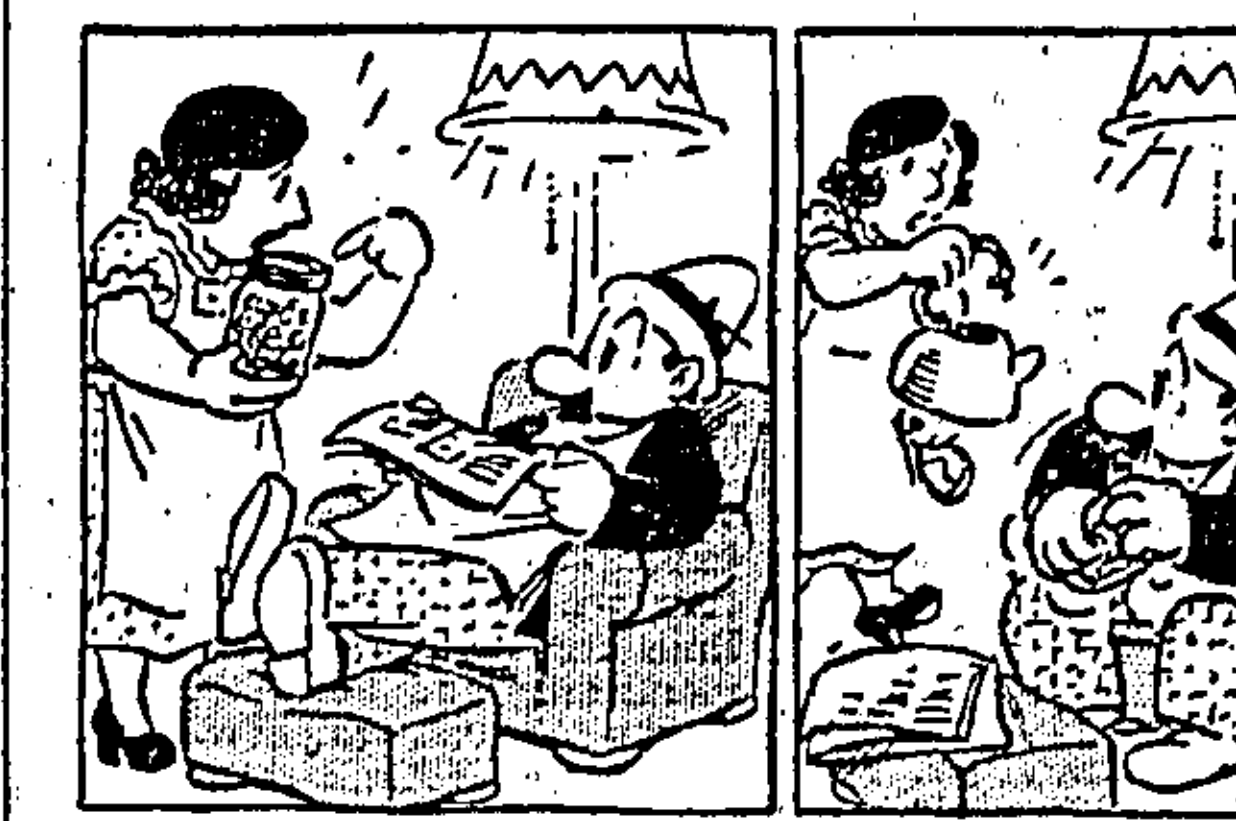
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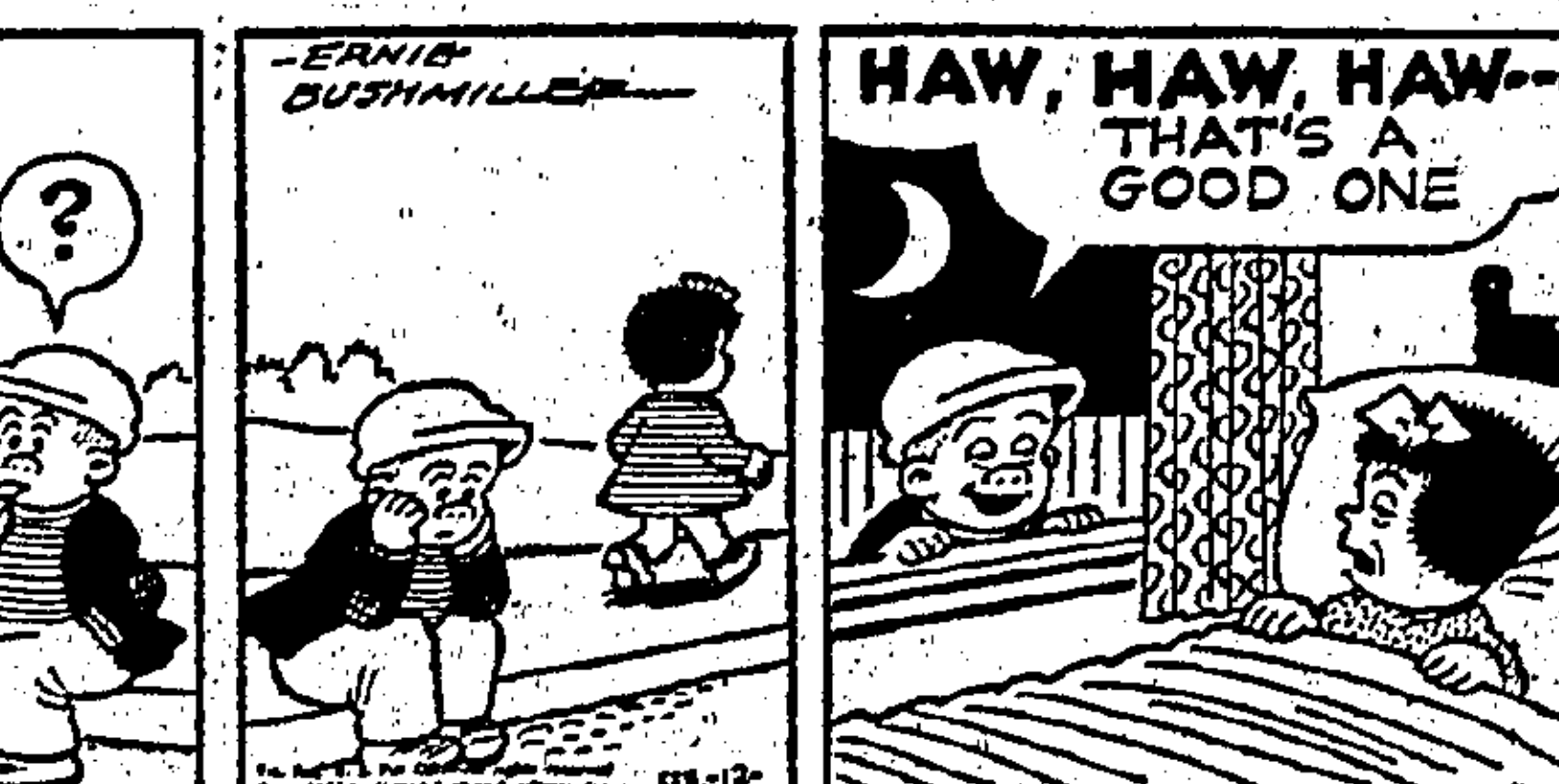
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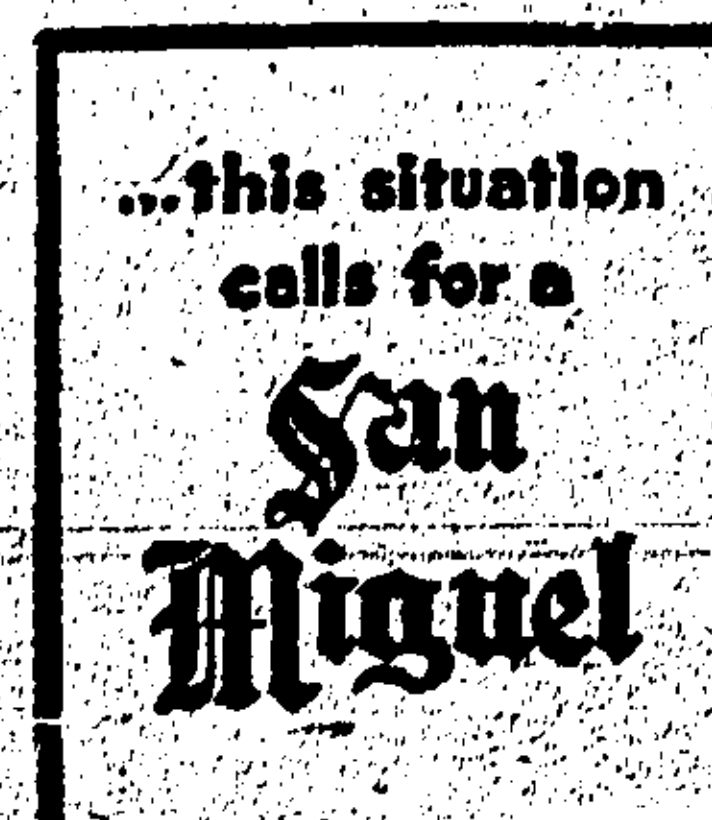
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"Many of the staff have studied abroad, in Italy, Britain, Germany, Switzerland and the United States. At present, seven members of the staff are studying abroad. We have 62 research workers with university degrees. Half of them are chemists." — China Mail Special

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China Provident's Excellent Year

MEETING APPROVES BONUS ISSUE

Although the year 1954 started off with very lean times, each succeeding quarter showed marked improvement, and by the close of the year their tonnage figures were approximately equal to the 1953 results, Major S. M. Churn, Chairman of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, reported at the Company's Annual General Meeting today.

Speaking to the meeting in the Board Room of the Union Trading Company, Limited, York Building, Major Churn reported a net profit of \$1,309,478 for the year 1954, which was an actual increase of 8.6 per cent over the 1953 profit.

The Directors of the Company proposed that the same dividend and bonus be distributed for 1954 as for 1953, namely a dividend of \$1. per share and a bonus of 20 cents per share both free of tax.

Addressing the meeting, Major Churn said:

The year under review was again a difficult one, with keen and at times unbecoming competition and a resultant reduction in profit margins. In view of the conditions ruling during the year, the results achieved should meet with your approval. The embargo placed on local trade in 1951 continues to affect the volume of cargo moving in the Port.

The year 1954 started off with very lean times, but I am pleased to report that each succeeding quarter showed marked improvement, and by the close of the year our tonnage figures were approximately equal to the 1953 results. We therefore feel that we have more than maintained our position in the Port and the valued goodwill of our numerous clients. 1954 was another claim-free year.

Our subsidiaries have again operated profitably and contributed their expected quotas to our Profit & Loss Account.

TRUE COMPARISON

The net profit for the year as shown by the Accounts was \$1,309,478. In comparing this with the 1953 figure, it should be borne in mind that due to the change in date of the end of their financial year, North Point Wharves, Ltd. paid 20 dividends in 1953, while Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd. also made two distributions in 1953 in respect of their financial year ended June 30, 1952 and 1953. The true comparison therefore is: 1953 \$1,204,888, 1954 \$1,309,478, showing an actual increase of 8.6 per cent. Taking this adjustment into consideration, 1954, ranks as the third most profitable in the Company's history.

During the year the construction of No. 14 Godown was completed. These premises are on lease to the Hongkong Flour Mills, Ltd. We purchased the China Navigation Co. Ltd.'s godowns at West Point and entered into an agreement to serve their vessels for a period of years.

Opportunity was taken during the year to dispose of our remaining properties in Kennedy Town, which concludes the phase of our programme. The capital profit of \$1,136,000 realised has been credited to Appropriation Account.

RICE BUSINESS

Although, generally, storage rates have been maintained during the year, the reduction of Government rice imports has affected our storage earnings. Under the new scheme, which came into force on January 1, we have secured a fair share of the merchant business and signs are encouraging. Excluding rice business, our earnings showed an increase of 9 per cent. Tonnage carried by our Lighterage Section showed an increase of nearly 20 per cent. Due to the increase of work we have ordered three new steel lighters to augment the fleet, and have recently purchased another steel tug-boat to facilitate movement within the harbour. These units are now in commission.

During the year our Motor Transport Section was enlarged with the addition of two useful vans, while the older units were completely reconditioned, so that the whole fleet is now in top condition.

Over the year our Cold Storage plant was well patronised and has proved a valuable and profitable addition to our facilities. Turning to the Appropriation Account, you will observe that the amount available is over four million dollars. After making the usual transfers to Reserve, your Directors have decided to allocate \$1,775,000 to Capital Reserve, making this account equal to the Issued Capital, and also to place \$14 million to General Reserve.

bringing this up to \$34 million. Your Directors will propose that the same dividend and bonus be distributed for 1954 as for 1953.

SELL SERVICE

"As you are aware, we sell service, the component parts of which are good facilities, good management, an experienced staff interested in supplying the best service possible, and, of course, careful direction of activities. We believe we have all these components welded together into an efficient organisation."

We provide an all-in service to our clients as wharfingers, warehousemen, including cold storage, lighterage and transhipment, forwarding agents and insurance.

Our storage capacity is, we believe, slightly larger and more diversified than that of any other operator in the Port. Our advertised capacity of 200,000 tons is stated after allowing for passageways, broken space and working space. This figure does not include open storage yards.

I again have pleasure in commending to the shareholders the excellent and conscientious services of our staff ashore, aloft and clerical, to which so much of the Company's continued success is due. The advertisement of the Company's house flag, with the caption, "A sign of better service," is no idle boast. The usual provision in the Appropriations for Staff Bonus will, I feel sure, have the approval of shareholders. I am pleased to advise that we have not found it necessary to dispense with the services of any of our staff.

BALANCE SHEET

In the Balance Sheet you will observe that Assets have increased by \$3.7 million, due to the appreciation of investments \$1.8 million, cash receivable \$1.5 million, and advances to subsidiaries \$1.4 million. Since 1948 we have expended on new capital assets \$7.8 million.

The position of investments in subsidiaries at \$6,335,832 is very satisfactory. After deducting Investment Fluctuation Reserve, contra, the net book value of our holdings is \$3.04 for Sandakan shares and \$4.55 for North Point shares, both of which are well below market values.

The major part of the amount shown under Sundry Debtors relates to the sale price of Nos. 15 & 16 Godowns, on which bargain money only has been received. Staff Provident Funds now stand at over six lakhs, and are vested in Trustees.

Appropriations to Sinking Funds have been made in full and funds opened for all new assets.

The provisions for possible losses from typhoon, marine accidents and depreciation in investments now stand at over \$4 million. All taxation up to the end of March 1955 has been paid, leaving a provision of \$77,000 to cover future taxation in 1955/56.

ship to actual value, and in view of the profits realised on sale of capital assets in the past few years, you will realise that this figure of \$30 million is far below market value.

Neither of our Companies has any Crown Lease renewal problem and its consequent expense to face in the near future. Our first lease does not fall in for over 100 years hence.

As to the earning capacity angle, which will be of more interest to Shareholders, our combine has earned \$9,785,000 in the period 1950 to 1954. This figure excludes profits on sale of capital assets, which amounted to \$3,293,000 during the same period.

CAPITAL BONUS

Your Directors consider that some small part of the accumulated reserves and undivided profits, now amounting in our Balance Sheet to nearly twice the issued capital, should be distributed to present shareholders by way of a capital bonus, and will propose, later at the meeting, that a bonus share issue be made of one new share for every four existing shares now held, absorbing \$1,297,285.

During the year Mr. Johannesen resigned from the Board on his retirement in Europe. There have not been any other changes in the Directorate. Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. E. R. Chik said:

In his clear and concise exposition of the Company's affairs, the Chairman has said that he hopes the results for 1954 will meet with approval and, speaking on behalf of the shareholders, I have no doubt at all in saying that they surpass our expectations. We are, of course, seeing the benefit of the capital expenditure during the past few years, but to be able to show figures which make the third best year in our existence, under the conditions that we all know obtained during 1954, deserves the thanks of all to the Board, particularly the Managing Director, and to the whole of the staff. When I seconded a similar motion two years ago I said that I thought it remarkable that the Chairman was able to report a "claim free" year with the amount of cargo and handles and stores. That the same can be reported again in 1954 confirms the remark then made as to the favourable light this throws on the management and control of our business.

NEW GODOWNS

I see that we have now disposed of all our outlying godowns in the Kennedy Town district and that we are concentrating on the ones, now rapidly being rebuilt as modern structures, in the near neighbourhood of our Head Office, which I imagine will make for even more efficient operation and control. This is, of course, apart from our interests at North Point, which operate as a separate unit, and where I was impressed by the modern godowns recently erected when I visited the new administrative offices for the pleasant opening function two days ago.

It is particularly satisfactory to know that the Crown Leases of our land are secured for upwards of 100 years.

The Chairman says that our accumulated reserves and undivided profits are nearly twice the issued capital, but I include the North Point reserves they amount to over three times our issued capital, and the proposed new issue seems well justified.

RESOLUTION APPROVED

A proposal by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher to capitalise a sum of \$1,297,285 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, and accordingly that a special capital bonus of 41-2/3 shares be declared, and that

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"This is the third flight you've had in two weeks—the spring weather must be getting into your blood!"

Lord Ogmore Explains "Grand Council" Idea

The Civic Association today released to the press the contents of a letter it has received from the Rt. Hon. Lord Ogmore in connection with an article entitled "Council" which appeared in the first issue of the Association's Newsletter.

In its statement to the press, the Association points out that there is no relationship whatsoever between the Civic Association and Lord Ogmore or the Labour Party.

The following is the text of Lord Ogmore's letter to the Association:

I thank you for your letter and for sending me the copy of Newsletter Volume 1, No. 1.

I have read with interest your comments and the comments you report from the Hongkong Press on the recent Debate initiated by me in the House of Lords. All these comments, however, are based on a misapprehension. The Debate was not dealing with domestic home rule because both the Labour Party in its statement of policy and I myself assume that a Colonial territory will have at the earliest possible opportunity such home rule. The Labour Party in its statement says "Labour is determined to maintain the progress made by the Colonies towards self-government while Labour was in office. As soon as the developments of each territory makes it practicable, arrangements should be made between the Government and the responsible leaders of each territory to fix a date for the transfer of power. Labour's objective is to transfer power in each case to an established system of democratic government."

In my speech I said "Every country in the Grand Council or the Federation evolving from it would, of course, have domestic self-government". It is therefore not a fair criticism on the part of the Newsletter or of the Hongkong Press to criticise me for not dealing with this question of self-government. When self-government is attained, however, it will obviously be quite impossible for at least 25 Colonial territories to stand on their own feet so far as defence, economic affairs and foreign relationships are concerned. The Labour Party Statement says "Our aim is a multi-racial Commonwealth in which Britain and the former dependent territories work together as equal partners for the benefit of all. Larger territories will become independent states, smaller territories may form a federation. For territories which are scattered and too small to stand alone special arrangements will have to be worked out in agreement with their people for association with Britain in the Commonwealth". I have for years past been pointing out this problem of the territories which will not be able to stand on their own feet either because of their lack of economic resources or because of multi-racial problems and, as quoted above, the Labour Party has now recognised this problem and in its discussion pamphlet "Facing Facts In The Colonies" it includes the Grand Council proposal as one of the four alternatives to be considered as a solution to the problem.

WITHOUT FOUNDATION

In these circumstances, the Newsletter's statement, that my proposal did not seem to have received much support from either side of the House is obviously without foundation. The Labour Party's attitude is defined above and Lord Lloyd for the Government said with reference to this proposal "We have a receptive mind and we are very ready to experiment". He also said "I feel bound to point out the difficulties. I do not suggest that they are insuperable if in point of fact this Council proves to be what the territories themselves would like."

With regard to the suggestion that Mr. P. should be appointed as liaison members between Parliament and the Colonies, this is obviously a suggestion which would not meet the need at all. Members time at present is very fully taken up with general and constituency problems, they have their relationships with their constituents to consider, there is always the possibility that they will be defeated at elections and not being elected by the people of the particular colony they were elected to represent, their selection by Party Whips would be a little embarrassing. One of the main democratic principles of electoral representation.

May I say how much I enjoyed my visit to Hongkong in 1949 and how much I look forward to returning to this fascinating and beautiful country. Hongkong is often in my thoughts, and it has no greater well-wisher than myself.

SLOW POLLING IN UC ELECTIONS 391 Vote During Morning

The Urban Council elections started off quietly this morning, with a total of 333 persons voting at the Central Reclamation site up to 11.30 a.m. and 58 voting at St Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, up to 12 noon.

The first voter was Mr Philip D. Au, of the Reform Club, and currently an Elected Member of the Urban Council. He was present on the site at 7 o'clock, supervising the hanging of bunting and a handbill campaign.

The First Voters

At 8 sharp, Mr Au, with a large Reform Club badge on his lapel, walked into the polling booth and dropped his ballot into the box.

The weather was ideal, with none of the heat and humidity which marked election day, about the same time last year.

The three candidates are Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Mr P. C. Woo and Mr G. O. Jones. The three were seen at the approaches to the polling station—the site of the forthcoming Festival of Arts Exhibition—talking to people heading for the voting hall.

There was only a trickle of voters shortly after 8 o'clock, and they occupied only a fraction of the attention of the 30-odd attendants. Voters were dealt with the minimum of delay, the average time for each person being about two minutes.

Two or three persons had to be told they could not vote because their names had been taken off the Jury list recently for some reason or other, and they had not registered under the Part II Electoral.

By 9 a.m. 62 persons had passed through the voting booths, situated at the eastern corner of the polling station.

VOLUME GROWS

The trickle of people grew a little, and by 10 a.m. 163 persons had voted. Within the next hour and a half, the volume of entrants into the hall grew slightly, although the attendants were never in any fear of being kept continually busy.

The Hon. T. L. Bowring, Director of Public Works, was one of those who cast his vote during this morning.

By 11.30 a.m., the total number of voters had increased to 333.

The voters appeared to represent a fair cross-section of the community, and the sexes were about equally divided. Among them were a few office boys and coolies of local firms, with their company badges displayed on their uniforms.

IN KOWLOON

On the Kowloon side, Mr Lau Pak-kee was the first voter at St Andrew's Church Hall. He was followed shortly by Dr R. H. S. Lee. Others who voted in the course of the morning were Mr I. B. Trevor and Mr K. M. A. Barnett.

The Kowloon voting started off in a very quiet way, there being only five voters in the first hour.

By 10 o'clock, 25 persons had cast their votes. At 11 o'clock, the figure had risen to 38, and by 12 noon it was 58.

Prominent among the Kowloon voters were teachers who came in a group.

At 1 p.m., 495 votes had been cast on the Hongkong side.

At 1.30 p.m. 90 votes had been cast in Kowloon.

The First Voters



Seen above (left) is Mr Philip Au, who was the first to cast a vote at the Hongkong polling booth in today's Urban Council elections, and right, Mr P. K. Lau, the first to vote at the Kowloon booth. — Staff Photographer.

Awarded Judgment For \$37,662 And Interest

In a civil suit arising out of a consignment of paraffin wax for Canton Mr Justice J.R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning awarded the plaintiffs judgment for \$37,662.10 with a year's interest at five per cent.

The plaintiffs, Abdulla Trading Co., otherwise known as Kung Ping Hong, of 38 Queen's Road Central, sued the defendant, Lam Kee-fung, trading as Woo Fong Hong, of 127 Des Voeux Road West for the return of \$8,000, the balance of deposit they paid and for \$29,662, the loss they had suffered because the defendants failed to deliver 17.36 metric tons of paraffin wax to Canton.

Mr Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr G. S. Ford, appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr Patrick Yu, and his instructing solicitor, Mr A. M. L. Soares were given leave to withdraw from the case when Mr Yu informed the Court that they had no further instructions from the defendant, who did not attend Court.

The plaintiffs' claim was that by a contract in Chinese dated December 8, 1953 the defendants agreed to sell to them 21.36 metric tons of paraffin wax to be delivered to Canton before January 15, 1954. Plaintiffs deposited \$10,000. On January 17, 1954 defendants delivered to Canton approximately four tons of the wax and this was accepted, but the balance of the contract goods was never supplied.

GUARANTEE LETTERS

Plaintiffs claimed that at the date of the contract they had two letters of guarantee for \$9,900 and \$42,986 which entitled the holder to payment of these sums under conditions stipulated on the documents. It was an expressed term of the agreement that the plaintiffs should subsequently transfer the letters of guarantee to the defendants and then the \$10,000 deposit would be refunded to the plaintiffs together with the difference between the value of the letters of guarantee and the contract price of the goods. On January 17, 1954, the plaintiffs transferred the letters of guarantee to the defendant. Plaintiffs alleged that the defendant, in breach of the agreement as to the refund of the deposit upon transfer of the letters of guarantee, took payment from one letter of guarantee for \$9,900 for the four tons of wax supplied and except for \$2,000, failed to return the deposit.

OUT OF TIME

Yang Tso-ho, manager of the plaintiff firm, gave evidence in support of the claim. He said that the delivery of four tons to Canton was out of time, but his firm accepted it and the defendant repaid him \$2,000 of the deposit. The defendant also told him that he could not give him the remainder of the goods so he was forced to buy paraffin wax from another source, the Fok Yuen Hong in Macao. He had to pay \$4,662.10 per metric ton for this wax whereas the contract price was \$2,000 per metric ton.

Mr Herman was a publisher in his grandfather's firm in Berlin but convinced that war was inevitable, he decided in 1936 to leave for Los Angeles and live with some of his relations. He returned to Germany in 1954 for a few days but found that the firm had been taken over by the Russians. "My only hope now is that my sons may be able to have it in the future," he said.

Mr Herman is taking four months for his trip studying the people and political situation of each country. He will be continuing to New Delhi tomorrow.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Jean (Singing); 7, "An Innocent in Hollywood" A Talk by Peter (Singing); 7.15, "Music by the Sea" (Singing); 7.30, "Twenty Questions" (Singing); 7.45, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 8, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 8.15, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 8.30, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 8.45, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 9, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 9.15, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 9.30, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 9.45, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 10, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 10.15, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 10.30, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 10.45, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 11, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 11.15, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 11.30, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 11.45, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 12, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 12.15, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 12.30, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 12.45, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 1, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 1.15, "The Chalkboard" (Singing); 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